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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

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A RESOLUTION honoring the Sisters of Saint Francis (OSF), Oldenberg, Indiana, on the occasion of their 150th anniversary serving the people of the state of Indiana.

Whereas, In 2001, the Sisters of Saint Francis (OSF), Oldenberg, Indiana, celebrated the sesquicentennial of their founding on January 6, 1851;

Whereas, Mother Teresa Hackelmeier came to Indiana from Austria and, along with three young women from Oldenberg, founded the Sisters of Saint Francis displaying tremendous courage, a deep and abiding faith, and a commitment to serve God, the church, and the people of Indiana;

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Whereas, The sisters in their various ministries, including education, health care, and other pastoral and charitable work, have remained loyal to the core Franciscan values of peace and justice, the dignity of the individual, responsive stewardship, and reconciliation;

Whereas, These values have had a positive, life-affirming influence on the thousands of students and others whom the Sisters have taught and served for a century and a half;

Whereas, These values have been witnessed in both rural and urban areas of Indiana in places as diverse as St. Louis in Batesville, the inner city St. Rita School in Indianapolis, and Saint Mary's Medical Center in Evansville;

Whereas, The Sisters have made a valuable contribution to secondary and higher education with leadership roles on the original faculties of Scecina Memorial High School and Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis, on Oldenberg Academy, and by establishing Marian College in Indianapolis; and

Whereas, Their many good works, if measured in monetary terms, would be worth several million dollars: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
- 2 congratulate the Sisters of Francis on behalf of the people of Indiana on
- 3 their joyful and historic 150th anniversary of service to the people of
- 4 Indiana and to express its appreciation and gratitude for their service.
- 5 The service provided by the Sisters of Saint Francis has been and
- 6 continues to be a beacon of hope, a model for others, and has improved
- 7 the quality of life for the citizens of our state.
- 8 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 9 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Sisters of Saint
- 10 Francis.

